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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynn Abraham today announced the filing of a one count Indictment¹ charging **CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ** with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms. The indictment alleges that on April 5, 2007, VASQUEZ possessed a Galesi Model 6, 6.35 caliber pistol (serial no. 394281) loaded with one round of ammunition.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME | ADDRESS | DATE OF BIRTH |
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| CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ | Philadelphia, PA | 1975 |

If convicted, VASQUEZ faces a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Philadelphia Police Department.

The Indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other federal, state and local authorities, to identify and prosecute serious firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Denise S. Wolf.

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¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.